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SUBJECT: BULGARIAN-ROMANIAN RELATIONS

1. FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH, WE ARE SOMEWHAT SURPRISED BY ZHIVKOV TELEGRAM TO CEAUSESCU ON OCCASION ROMANIAN NATIONAL DAY FOR STRONG EMPHASIS PLACED ON "MARXIST INTERNATIONALISM." IN CONTRAST TO LAST YEAR'S MESSAGE WHICH WAS STRICTLY BILATERAL IN TONE, THIS YEAR BULGARS CHOSE TO MENTION ROLE OF RED ARMY IN LIBERATION, AND "SELFLESS INTERNATIONAL AID OF USSR AND BROTHERLY SOCIALIST COUNTRIES" WHICH CONTRIBUTED TO VICTORIES OF ROMANIAN WORKING CLASS. TELEGRAM ALSO STATES BCP VIEW THAT COOPERATION WITH "COUNTRIES OF WARSAW PACT AND COMECON IS SURE GUARANTEE FOR SUCCESSFUL DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIALISM AND COMMUNISM" IN ROMANIA AND BULGARIA.

2. COMMENT: AT ROMANIAN NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION ONE ROMANIAN EMBOFF CALLED MESSAGE "A BIT HEAVY-HANDED" BUT STRESSED THAT IT DID NOT REPRESENT BULGARIAN CRITICISM OF ROMANIAN POLICY. AT THE SAME TIME OFFICIAL BULGARIAN PRESENCE AT RECEPTION, WHILE PROPER FOR SOCIALIST COUNTRY, WAS DOWN FROM LAST YEAR(ONLY PARTY SECRETARY PRUMOV PRESENT VS. 3 PREVIOUS YEAR).

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